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## JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Spread of small-pox in Japan.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, February 4:

Bills of health were issued during the week ended February 1 to 4 steamships, having an aggregate personnel of 746 members of crews and 675 passengers.

During the month of January 531 intending steerage passengers for the United States or their possessions were examined with reference to their freedom from loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases. Of these 127 were recommended for objection and 404 were passed. Of the latter 355 embarked and were certified. Three hundred and fifty-three emigrants, 16 sailors, and 87 steerage passengers for Victoria were bathed and 931 pieces of baggage were disinfected. All the steerage passengers were vaccinated.

The present outbreak of smallpox throughout the Japanese Empire exceeds in virulence and rapidity of spread any previous epidemic of recent years, but it has apparently been somewhat checked both here and in Tokyo by the vaccination of the population by police authority.

There were 34 cases of smallpox, with 10 deaths, during the week ended February 1 and 12 cases so far this month. A total of 145 cases was officially reported this year, with 40 deaths.

All steerage passengers are vaccinated under my direct supervision.

*Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Korea* recommended January 29 for rejection: For Honolulu, 2; for San Francisco, 1. Advised to wait: For Honolulu, 26; for San Francisco, 1.

Per steamship *Minnesota* January 30: For Seattle, 2. Advised to wait, 9.

Per steamship *Tosa Maru* February 5: For Seattle, 3. Advised to wait, 21.

Rejections and detentions were for trachoma.

*Reports from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Status of smallpox—House-to-house inspection—Vaccination—Plague and smallpox at Osaka.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, January 28 and February 4:

During the week ended January 25, 3 supplemental bills of health were granted to 3 steamships with an aggregate personnel of 1,090.

There were inspected 3 vessels, 517 members of crews, 17 cabin and 472 steerage passengers; 202 steerage passengers were bathed and their effects were disinfected by steam and labeled; 35 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed; manifests were viséed for 1,620 pieces of freight, and 204 certificates of vaccination were issued.